

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (New): An adaptable shoe comprising:

an upper portion;

a sole assembly connected to the upper portion to provide a shoe cavity, the sole assembly including,

an outer part configured to contact a surface of the ground when the shoe is worn by a user,

a substantially deformable intermediate part, a portion of which is disposed above the outer part and configured to deform in a width direction;

an innersole configured to fit within the shoe cavity and disposed above the intermediate part; and

an insert configured to fit into the sole assembly and to deform the intermediate part in a width direction.

Claim 28 (New): The adaptable shoe according to claim 27, wherein the intermediate part includes a substantially deformable part and a substantially non-deformable part.

Claim 29 (New): The adaptable shoe according to claim 28, wherein the substantially non-deformable part includes recesses configured to accommodate a surface of the substantially deformable part such that the surface of the substantially deformable part is coplanar with a surface of the substantially non-deformable part.

**Claim 30 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 29, wherein the recesses include inclined surfaces configured to contact the substantially deformable part.

**Claim 31 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 28, wherein the substantially deformable part includes a bellows section.

**Claim 32 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 31, wherein the bellows section comprises a plurality of U-shaped or V-shaped sections.

**Claim 33 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 32, wherein the bellows section is symmetrical about a longitudinal axis of the sole assembly.

**Claim 34 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 33, wherein the U-shaped or V-shaped sections change dimension as a distance from the longitudinal axis increases.

**Claim 35 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 32, wherein the U-shaped or V-shaped sections have a constant dimension as a distance from the longitudinal axis increases.

**Claim 36 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 28, wherein the substantially deformable part is formed integrally with the outer part.

**Claim 37 (New):** An adaptable shoe comprising:  
an upper portion;

a sole assembly connected to the upper portion to provide a shoe cavity, the sole assembly including,

an outer part configured to contact a surface of the ground when the shoe is worn by a user,  
a substantially deformable intermediate part disposed above the outer part;  
an innersole in contact with the intermediate part, disposed above the intermediate part, and configured to receive a rigid insert; and  
a rigid insert in contact with the innersole and configured to deform the intermediate part by a predetermined amount.

**Claim 38 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 37, wherein the rigid insert is attached to a lower surface of the innersole.

**Claim 39 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 38, wherein the rigid insert includes teeth projecting from a lower face of the rigid insert.

**Claim 40 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 37, wherein the substantially deformable intermediate part includes a substantially deformable part and a substantially non-deformable part.

**Claim 41 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 40, wherein the substantially non-deformable part includes recesses configured to accommodate a surface of the substantially deformable part such that the surface of the substantially deformable part is coplanar with a surface of the substantially non-deformable part.

**Claim 42 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 41, wherein the recesses include inclined surfaces configured to contact the substantially deformable part.

**Claim 43 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 40, wherein the substantially deformable part includes a bellows section.

**Claim 44 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 43, wherein the bellows section comprises a plurality of U-shaped or V-shaped sections.

**Claim 45 (New):** The adaptable shoe according to claim 44, wherein the U-shaped or V-shaped sections change dimension as a distance from the longitudinal axis increases.

**Claim 46 (New):** An adaptable shoe comprising:  
an upper portion;  
a sole assembly connected to the upper portion to provide a shoe cavity, the sole assembly including,  
an outer part configured to contact a surface of the ground when the shoe is worn by a user,  
an innersole in contact with the intermediate part, disposed above the intermediate part; and  
means, disposed above the outer part, for regulating a dimension of the cavity.